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[54] **TELEPHONE APPARATUS CAPABLE OF INPUTTING CHARACTER DATA**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A telephone apparatus which can input character/symbol data. The apparatus has a keyboard including a plurality of numeral keys each assigned to characters/-symbols, a mode change key for switching numerical mode to character/symbol mode, or vice versa and a special key for executing a predetermined sequence. After the apparatus has been set to the character/symbol mode, the numeral keys assigned for the characters/symbols and the special key are operated in the predetermined sequence, thereby inputting character/-symbol data. The data are applied to a electronic calculator CPU, are outputted in the form of character/symbol pattern signals from a character generator, and are displayed by a display section in the predetermined sequence.

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